

PROJECT FACT SHEET GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Bioassessments Study of Urban Streams in Allegheny County, PA (Section 22)

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The basic tasks to be performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District are to conduct rapid biological invertebrate-based assessments for at least 57 stream locations within Allegheny County, PA. This is a four-year effort which was started in FY 2001 and is scheduled to be completed in FY 2004. The assessments will be used to characterize and rank the water quality and health of the ecosystem of these streams and support the Three Rivers-Second Nature (3R-2N) initiative. The general goals of the 3R-2N initiative are to generate interest in protecting/restoring Allegheny County, PA urban streams, including those that are buried and/or culverted, and their riparian corridors for multiple benefits.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$90,000

Total Federal Cost: \$45,000

Total Non-Federal Cost: \$45,000

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD)

CURRENT STATUS: We are currently in year three of a four-year effort. Total project costs are listed above. The breakdown per year is as follows: \$30,000 expended in the first year and \$20,000 expended in each of the next three years. Tributaries to the Pittsburgh Pool (Emsworth L/D Pool), Monongahela River (L/D #2 Pool, river mile 11-35), and Allegheny River (L/D #2 Pool, river mile 5.5-28) have been completed with the tributaries to the Ohio River (river mile 6.2-15.5) scheduled for Spring 2003.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 22, Water Resources Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-251) as amended, commonly known as the Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program. This statute authorizes the Corps of Engineers to assist states and local governments in the preparation of plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources, and for recovering cost shares of the program from non-federal entities.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Hart (PA-4), Murtha (PA-12), Doyle (PA-14), Murphy (PA-18), Santorum (PA), Specter (PA)

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